

ARTIST BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD

Artist name:

Grierson, Mary Anderson

City and country of birth:

Bangor, North Wales

Residence:

England

Education:

Bangor County School for Girls

Studied painting under John Nash, East Anglia, 1959-1961

Career:

Freelance botanical artist, 1940 to present

Recently specializing in endangered species

Formerly, aerial photography interpreter, military service, 1940-1945

Cartographical draughtswoman, Hunting Surveys Ltd., London, 1946-1960

Staff artist, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, 1960-1972

Artwork medium:

Watercolor

Ink

One-Person Exhibition(s):

- Hunt Institute, 1975
- Pacific Tropical Botanical Gardens, Hawaii, 1976

Group Exhibition(s):

- London: The Royal Society, The Linnean Society, British Museum, Royal Horticultural Society
- International Exhibitions of Botanical Art, Johannesburg
- Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew
- Royal Botanic Gardens, Edinburgh
- Frans Hals Museum, Netherlands; Hunt Institute Internationals, 1968, 1972
- Hunt Institute, Artists from Kew, 1974
- Hunt Institute Travel Shows (International)

Honors/Awards:

- Fellow, Linnean Society, London, 1967
- Royal Horticultural Society, London, Gold Medals, 1966, 1969, 1973
- Member, Art Workers Guild, London, 1974

Collections:

Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew
Frans Hals Museum, Haarlem
Society for the Promotion of Nature Reserves, Lincoln
National Trust, London
World Wildlife Fund, London
Israeli Nature Reserves Authority
Pacific Tropical Botanical Gardens, Hawaii
Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History
Many private collections

Work reproduced in (publications the artist was commissioned to illustrate or works authored by the artist):

- *British Flora*. Stamp issue for General Post Office, London, 1967.
- Huxley, A.J. *Mountain flowers*. London, Blandford Press, 1967.
- Bean, W.J. *Trees and shrubs of the British Isles*. London, John Murray, Vols. I-IV, 1970-75.
- Hunt, P.F. *Orchidaceae*. Bourton, The Bourton Press, 1974.
- Numerous issues of *Curtis's botanical magazine*, *Kew Bulletin*, *Journal of the Linnean Society*, *Hooker's Icones Plantarum*, *Flora of East Tropical Africa*, *Flora of Ceylon*, *Flora Zambesiaca*, *Flora of Iraq*.
- Illustrations for the Council of Nature, World Wildlife Fund, National Trust of Great Britain, Royal Horticultural Society.
- *Threatened plants of the world*. World Wildlife Fund [in progress].
- *Protected plants of Israel*. Israeli Nature Reserves Authority [in progress].
- *Native flora of the Hawaiian Islands*. Pacific Tropical Botanical Gardens [in progress].
- *Species tulips*. Van Tubergen Nurseries, Holland [in progress].

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